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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION OF

ADELE F. SCHNABEL, RC00158600

TO PRACTICE AS A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Real Estate

Appraisers ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and
on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a real estate appraiser in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
 - 2. The Board conducted a continuing education audit in 2006, asking a

random sampling of its licensees for documentation of continuing education completed during the 2004-2005 licensing period.

- 3. Respondent submitted documentation in response to this audit, which was received on March 28, 2006.
- Respondent did forward proof of successful completion of the 7-hour USPAP course.
- 5. Respondent submitted documentation of having completed a total of ______ or ____ credit hours of continuing education prior to December 31, 2005.
- 6. Respondent certified upon respondent's renewal application for the 2006-2007 licensure renewal period that respondent had completed the continuing education requirement during the previous biennial licensure renewal period.
- Respondent certified upon respondent's renewal application for the 2006 licensure renewal period that respondent had completed a USPAP course.
- 8. Respondent is required pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:40A-5.3, -5.4 to have completed the equivalent of fourteen (14) classroom hours of instruction for each year during the period preceding renewal. The continuing education completed must include either a seven (7) or fifteen (15) hour USPAP course.¹

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to successfully complete continuing education
 requirements for licensure during the 2004-2005 biennial renewal period constitutes a

¹ 2004 was the last year that the 15-hour USPAP course could be used to satisfy the USPAP continuing education requirement.

violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:40A-5.3, -5.4, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21 (e) and (h).

2. Respondent's certification upon renewal for the January 1, 2006-December 31, 2007 renewal cycle that respondent had satisfied the continuing education requirement constitutes a violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of
Discipline was entered on February 26, 2007, provisionally suspending respondent
until she had furnished proof of successful completion of the continuing education for
the 2004-2005 licensure cycle, imposing a public reprimand upon respondent, and
imposing a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,750. A copy of the Order was forwarded to
respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional
Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day
following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated
Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification
or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and
conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or
other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons
therefor.

Respondent has forwarded proof of having belatedly satisfied her 2004-2005 continuing education obligation to the Board, along with payment in the amount of \$1,750 in satisfaction of the civil penalty indicated in the Provisional Order.

Accordingly, the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary, and that no material discrepancies had been raised with respect to the Findings of Fact or

Conclusions of Law. It further determined that suspension was not warranted, inasmuch as respondent had submitted proof of successful completion of her 2004-2005 continuing education obligation. Accordingly, it determined that the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 16 day of April , 2007, ORDERED that:

- 1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e) and (h).
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,750 is hereby imposed upon respondent. Respondent has already made payment of this amount.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISE

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